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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student and field hockey player Sofie Mills brings the ball down the field during the team's game against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Oct. 5. The Red Hawks were victorious on their home field with a final score of 4-0. See more photos on page 14. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

Places for People plans to double affordable units

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

One of the most critical situations in the County continues to be a lack of affordable housing.

Thanks to the purchase of community bonds by Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), Places for People (P4P) plans to expand their affordable housing offerings by adding 18 more units to their already-existing 12 in Haliburton County within the next five years.

"Anybody who's been looking to rent over the past three years have found themselves in a pretty dire situation. There's nowhere for people of a medium income to rent," said P4P president Jody Curry. "There are more high-income places to rent. A lot of our housing stock

that used to get rented to our workforce has become perhaps an AirBnB, has been sold and renovated to be a higher-end place. The housing stock is so limited now."

The not-for-profit launched their
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Marathon of Hope

JD Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart W Baker Elementary School start off their Terry Fox Run from their schools' field on a warm and sunny morning on Tuesday, Oct. 3. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Students run through the cross-country trail at JDHES on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Top from left, James Hamilton, Maddie Mills, and Avery Burk.
Bottom from left, Callum Merritt, Jaelyn Miscio, Reese Wood, and Kinley Cox.

School board welcomes *cursive writing's return*

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Learning to write cursive script has so much more to offer students than just the ability to sign legal documents later in life.

The form of handwriting was rendered optional in Ontario schools in 2006, much to the chagrin of educators and the province's teacher unions at the time. Many states south of the border and a handful of provinces dropped cursive instruction outright.

But Ontario's Ministry of Education announced before the summer break cursive writing's return as a mandatory component to elementary classroom language instruction this school year.

Grade 3 pupils will "begin to write in cursive, forming letters with appropriate formation patterns, size, placement, and spacing."

They will receive instruction until fluent. At least up to Grade 8.

Jay MacJanet, superintendent of learning responsible for the Kindergarten to Grade 8 curriculum at the Trillium Lakeshore District School Board, describes in an email some of the benefits of teaching the chicken scratch means of written communication.

"It has become known that cursive writing improves the develop-

ment of the brain through the activation of both hemispheres of the brain," MacJanet said in an email. "This leads to improved thinking, language development, and working memory. "Another key aspect to cursive writing is that when whole words are written in a single unit, students are more likely to retain spelling patterns moving them into long term memory, which improves spelling overall."

Experts believe that, through cursive writing, they learn to integrate fine motor skills with visual and tactile faculties for cognitive development on a number of sensory levels.

And, a factor to the cursive smoothness or chicken scratch roughness on a page, is it's as if there's another level on which parents can get to know their children. Does the impeccable fluidity of the writing match a fastidiousness of personality? Perhaps the heavily leaned-to-the-left letters pressed hard into the page reveals another aspect of personality. MacJanet said in an email that, when it comes to "real world" situations, students will undoubtedly encounter instances in their life where they will need to "interact" with cursive writing, from reading historical documents to signing their name when applying for a driver's license. "Supporting students with the knowledge of cursive writing will not only benefit their cognitive development, it will also enrich their adult lives," MacJanet said.

Dysart keeps parking status quo at building, despite renovations

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An increase in parking spaces at a Mountain Street building isn't necessary, despite recent renovations and the opening of a gym at the location.

The applicant approached Dysart township council in August to petition for a break in parking requirements following renovations at 713 Mountain Street.

The building will have additional office space, storage, and a gym.

"Since starting the renovation, we have recently changed the occupancy of the back portion of our building to accommodate another local small business owner," Kim Barnhart, the office manager at CDH Carpentry Ltd., said in a letter to council.

"We have changed the occupancy from storage to a gym facility. With this change, we are now required to have a minimum of 14 parking spaces to accommodate the two office spaces plus the gym members."

Barnhart said forgiveness on the changes to parking would allow three small business owners to financially succeed with lower costs of running a business in the community.

Council deferred its decision in August and directed staff to look into the matter

and report to council at its September meeting.

Kris Orsan, Dysart's planning manager, provided council with a rundown of staff's review when it met Sept. 26.

The required parking space is based on current use, he said. It stipulates five spaces for office use and four for storage.

Based on the proposed use, the required spaces would be five for office use and four spaces to accommodate a gym.

Orsan said the total number of spaces should include at least one as an accessible parking space, as per the bylaw.

"The property currently has a total of five parking spaces instead of the required nine spaces for the current use," he said. "Therefore, the property has legal non-compliance status for the deficient four parking spaces."

Orsan quoted a section of the bylaw: "If an existing structure had on July 11, 1977 fewer parking spaces than would have been required to comply with the bylaw, the gross floor area of that structure may only be increased, or a new use established inside that structure, if additional parking spaces are provided such that the parking spaces by which the structure is deficient does not increase."

The parking spaces didn't increase, so he said staff has no concerns.

"It seems to even out for the parking spaces from the previous use to the current use," he said.

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Campaign first of its kind in a rural community

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Community Bonds Campaign earlier this year to acquire capital funds to address the ever-growing housing crisis.

"The Community Bond Campaign is about having community members take part in investments that's going to create solutions for our housing situation in Haliburton County. HCDC wanted to be the first to invest this past summer because they're very much in support of us and have been from the get-go," Curry said.

HCDC purchased \$50,000 at the beginning of the campaign and have just purchased another \$25,000.

By Friday, Oct. 6, they reached their goal of \$85,000 in bonds bought from community members.

"Your money stays here in the County, and the group borrowing it from you is a not-for-profit, so they're not making any money, they're just using it to help fund their operations and mainly to build capital, because it's tough to get capital money for a not-for-profit," Curry said. "Everybody who invests becomes part of what's going on in Haliburton County."

Since the launch, P4P has had an influx of requests from other communities wanting to learn more about the project.

"It's never been done before by a not-for-profit in a rural area for housing. Because housing's a big hot-button issue right now, it's really heartwarming about the number of groups and organizations from outside Haliburton County that have asked us to talk to them about it," Curry said.

Every week, they've had the opportunity to speak to other not-for-profits about their success.

"I think campaigns like this are going to be pretty huge everywhere soon," she said.

With a long City of Kawartha Lakes waitlist for affordable housing, Curry said the additional units are more than needed in Haliburton County.

"Workers can't find places to live either, so businesses are having a hard time keeping their employees as well," she said. "It's going to take a village, not just one or two organizations."

Telling our Stories

Six String Nation, featuring Jowi Taylor, is a story of a guitar called Voyageur made of 64 different pieces of material - wood, bone, metal, stone and others, representing different cultures, communities and characters from every part of the country. Each piece has a story to tell about Canada. This multimedia presentation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11 and will include several local guitarists playing the Voyageur.

This Speakers Series happens on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery. Admission is \$15/person payable (cash) at the door. A portion of the ticket sales goes to a charity or local non-profit organization.

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County leans conservatively on new debt policy

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has taken a conservative approach when it comes to taking on debt.

The upper tier's first debt policy was approved by county council during its Sept. 27 meeting. The policy sets an annual repayment limit at 15 per cent, less than the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs' recommended 25 per cent limit.

"The policy includes recommendations that provide guidance and limits to be considered by Council and staff when contemplating entering into new debt," said Andrea Robinson, the county's corporate services director.

That limit is the maximum amount that a municipality can pay each year in principal and interest payments

for its long-term debt and other long-term financial commitments.

"This conservative approach recognizes the fiscal limitations of our community," Robinson said. "Also, it is recommended within the policy that upon repayment of long-term debt the amounts that are already committed within the budget for annual payments be reallocated to the capital program or reserves until they reach stability."

So for 2023, a limit of 15 per cent equates to \$3,749,168 for all outstanding debt in comparison to \$4,801,224 using the ministry's 25 per cent limit.

The county currently has a total of \$7,066,227 in outstanding debt. All debentures with Infrastructure Ontario include \$1.725-million borrowed in 2015 over a 20-year term at 3.24 per cent interest; \$3-million borrowed in 2020 for a 10-year term at 1.38 per cent; \$4.152-million borrowed in 2022 for a 10-year term at 4.24 per cent.

The county's 2023 debt and interest payments total \$1,035,406.

The county didn't previously have a debt policy on its books. It relied on the Borrowing Bylaw passed annually along with the ministry's repayment limit.

The county's Borrowing Bylaw addresses temporary or short-term borrowing. It allows the warden and treasurer to borrow on a short term, temporary basis to cover operating expenses until taxes and other revenues are received.

"I think your conservative approach is a good approach," said Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart.

Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, suggested the debt policy be changed to a 50-year term limit for housing as opposed to 40 years. The amended term limit would be in accord with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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Fatal motor vehicle collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a multi-vehicle collision on Glamorgan Road in Municipality of Dysart et al.

On Oct. 1, at approximately 11:27 a.m., Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and emergency services responded to a three-vehicle collision on Glamorgan Road involving two motorcycles and a passenger motor vehicle.

Two people were transported via ORNGE air ambulance to a trauma centre for medical attention. As a result of the collision, a 48-year-old person was later pronounced deceased. The other person transported, had

serious but non-life threatening injuries.

The person in the third motor vehicle did not report any injuries to first responders.

The roadway remained closed for several hours while OPP Technical Collision Investigators are assisted with the investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed or has video/dash camera footage of the collision and has not spoken with police is asked to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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The Movie Man comes home to Highlands Cinemas

ADAM FRISK

Special to the Echo

The highly anticipated documentary The Movie Man made its way home to Kinmount's Highlands Cinemas on Saturday with two private screenings of the film.

Hosted in what arguably is the most unusual movie theatre in North America, perhaps the world, The Movie Man premiered in front of two sold out shows, telling the story of Keith Stata, the man behind the movies.

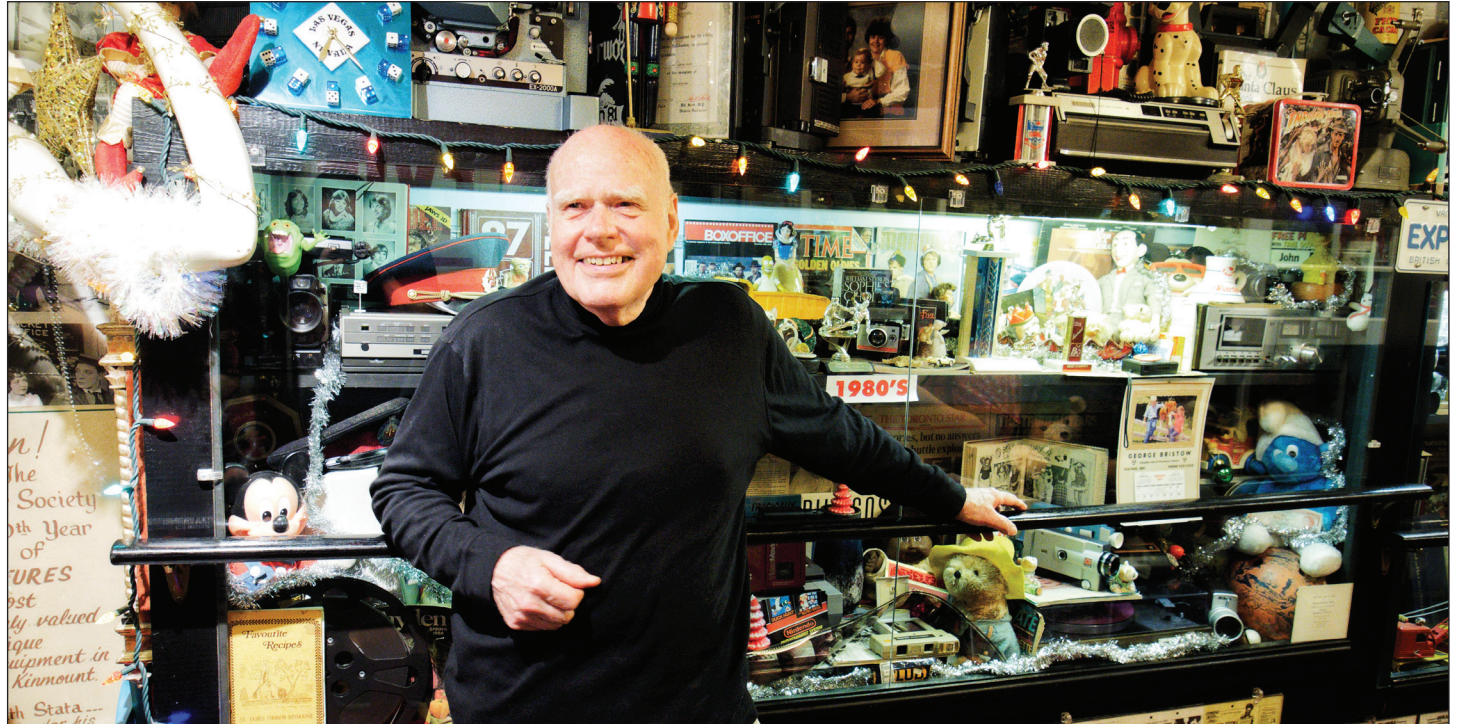
Filmmaker Matt Finlin spent nearly five years working on the project, telling the story of how Stata built the wacky movie theatre and his effort to keep it alive.

"It started when my aunt brought me here when I was 11 years old, we were camping up here with my family," Finlin said Saturday following the screening. "Then I came on a weekend to make a short piece, I hadn't been here in many years... and after I got back I thought 'Think there might be something here,' then it's five years later we've got this."

The film, in part, focused on the struggle for Stata brought on by COVID, with the pandemic acting like the villain in a horror movie.

"It was a challenge, COVID wasn't a gift to most of us but it was a gift to the film because it provided real stakes, is this theatre going to survive? Is Keith going to be able to reopen," Finlin said. "When we were able to come back and safely film again, and catch up, it became how do we build this tension in the stakes to see if it'll actually open."

Lending a hand as executive producer of the film was Ed Robertson of the Bare-



Keith Stata shares a laugh before the screening of the Movie Man at Highlands Cinemas on Saturday, Sept. 23. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

naked Ladies, who had been coming to the theatre for over 30 years.

"I first started coming when I was about 17 years old and cottaging in the Minden area," Robertson said Saturday. "I don't think I've missed a summer, coming multiple times as my kids grew."

Robertson said he met Finlin through a mutual friend and learned the filmmaker was making a documentary on Highland Cinema and immediately jumped at the opportunity to help with the project.

"This is just such, everyone knows who

has ever been here, this is such a special, unique, incredible place," Robertson said. "[Keith], you've made the lives of everyone who has ever been here richer and there's very few people that can say that."

"You created something unique, you created something beautiful and you celebrated the thing you love and we are all so grateful," the singer said.

As for the movie man himself, Stata was pleased to see how it all came together.

"I said to Matt the other day, the thing that's strange about this is that when I

built the theatre I didn't envision seeing myself on the screen," Stata said. "I wanted [Matt] to do what they did for Harrison Ford and make me look 40 years younger."

"But unfortunately the poster made me look like one of those guys on Mount Rushmore," Stata quipped.

As for what's next for The Movie Man, Finlin revealed the film was picked by Toronto-based Mongrel Media and will be distributed across the country for all movie fans to see.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Miracle Club members

THOSE OTHER Movies (TOM) found a pretty remarkable parallel with their first screening of the season a couple of weeks ago.

This was my first time attending. As an obvious Maggie Smith fan, I assumed the chosen British movie, *The Miracle Club*, had to be a good one.

I didn't quite expect to laugh and cry and think so deeply about our existence here within the hour-and-a-half run time, though.

"It's just the perfect kind of movie because the man who wrote this movie had spent 20 years trying to get this made, and it really was a movie about his mother and her friends that he remembered from his really small town in Ireland, and so it speaks of us," said Tammy Rea, a TOM organizer and founder. "We could probably write as great a story about our community here."

The film was set 5,000 kilometres from here and six decades ago, but the human experience is the same - in particular, the human experience in a small town.

The *Miracle Club* is about a group of women who come together after the passing of a friend.

The women living in a small town in Ireland did not get along with the daughter of the woman who passed, and the daughter showed up for the funeral, coming home for the first time in 40 years.

While the complexities of their relationships unfolded, they all attended a pilgrimage in France, each searching for specific miracles.

I won't give it all away, but the true miracles came from acceptance and forgiveness.

It came from loving one another despite differences or past woes.

Small towns can be tricky like that.

When everyone knows everyone, there's inevitable division.

Sometimes it feels like people or groups are polarized, despite living and working within a few kilometres from each other.

Even the concept of TOM, though, addresses this.

"We really struggled, as I'm sure a lot of organizations did through COVID, because we were just wondering if people would come back," Rea said.

But they certainly did.

Last month, the theatre hardly had an empty seat left.

Rea said the resounding feedback during and after the pandemic was that the audience did not want TOM to move online.

"We wanted to watch together, or not at all," she said.

So in that 226 seat theatre were 226 people from the community, with different views, watching the same moving film about love and acceptance.

Another theme that arose was thankfulness.

The characters were thankful for their community, and the polarizing differences before made for beautiful diversity at the end.

The next movie, *Jules*, is screening this Thursday.

Those Other Movies will also screen the second Thursday of January, March and May.

Tickets are \$10 cash at the door only with a showtime of 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"We are back, we're together, we love that we're starting with *The Miracle Club* because we feel like it's a miracle," said Rea.

In Haliburton, I think we can claim ourselves as honorary members of the *Miracle Club*, so long as we choose to accept and forgive the same.



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Editorial



A purple sunrise over Pine Lake.

by David Zilstra

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

If the economy doesn't function, nothing else will

ICAME TO Canada as a young immigrant and opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in the late 1950s. By sharing profits with employees, managers and investors, I built that tool shop into Magna International Inc., one of the world's largest auto parts suppliers with annual sales of more than \$40 billion and over 174,000 people in 30 countries.

In addition to more than seven decades of experience as a successful business owner, I've also served on numerous corporate, government, hospital and university boards, as well as on board of the NASDAQ stock exchange.

My name is Frank Stronach, and at this stage of my career, I would like to share some of my hard-won experience and knowledge to make Canada a better country and to create more opportunities for my fellow Canadians to succeed and prosper.

But I've grown increasingly worried that our living standards here in Canada are deteriorating because we no longer focus on the economy. If the economy doesn't function, nothing else will.

Without a strong economy, we won't have the money to adequately fund our health care and social assistance programs, and we won't be able to look after the most fragile and vulnerable citizens in our society.

Unfortunately, we haven't zeroed in on what really powers the economy. The economy is driven by three forces: smart managers, hard-working employees, and investors. And all three have a right to the outcome of the business, which is profits.

Our economy should also function for the benefit of everyone, not just the rich. Right now, the divide between the working class and the wealthy is growing wider and wider because a growing number of Canadians are being denied a fair share of the wealth they help create.

The truth is our economy has been in a slow and steady decline for quite a while now. The reason why living standards are dropping is that we're exporting less

and importing more. We're turning our factories into warehouses, which is why you hardly ever see a product made in this country on store shelves anymore. And we're strangling small business, the backbone of our economy, with unnecessary red tape and regulations.

So, what can we do to get our economy straightened out?

I believe one solution is to create an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities that focuses on economic rights, including the right of workers to accumulate wealth through profit participation, as well as responsibilities that require the government to manage our tax dollars responsibly.

The charter would contain seven key principles to create a stronger economy and a more prosperous country. We could get government spending under control, introduce profit sharing for millions of hard-working Canadians, and take the shackles off our entrepreneurs and small business owners.

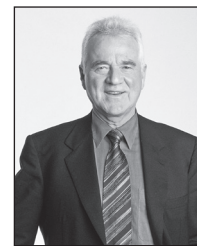
In the weeks ahead, I'll spell out in greater detail the various rights and responsibilities contained in this new Economic

Charter, and I look forward to sharing my thoughts and views with readers in this weekly column, which will appear in newspapers published in towns and communities throughout Ontario.

Much of my focus in the columns will be on the economy and what we need to do to get it firing on all cylinders once again. Because without a robust economy, our living standards will continue to fall.

I'll bring forward some of the lessons I've learned over many years running global businesses at the very highest level. One thing you can be sure of: I will always put forth constructive solutions. That's what our country needs - and it's what Canadians are searching for.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame.



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Raining on my parade

SOMETIMES WORDS hurt. This was demonstrated this morning at our breakfast table when Jenn and I were wondering what the day's weather would bring.

Jenn looked at her phone's weather app and said, "It looks like it is going to rain."

Without thinking, I replied, "Outside?"

In my defense, I had not yet consumed my first cup of coffee.

Jenn looked at me, raised an eyebrow and replied, "Yes, outside. I have never heard a forecast that calls for rain inside..."

And then she laughed. Not with me. But at me. Which left me with no other choice than to make this indefensible position the hill I died upon.

Was this a prudent decision? No. No it was not.

For if this were a hill, it would have been a hill barren of cover and surrounded by taller hills. Also, it had no tactical or strategic value – and in fact the only person who would defend such a hill to the death would be someone with no understanding on how to win a war or even a skirmish.

All this is to say, I knew raising the white flag was the best option, but I was kind of hoping that my opponent would simply decide this insignificant hill was not worth any effort.

How wrong I was.

In fact, in the future, when relationship councillors tell their clients about how you should always leave an opening for your partner to salvage his or her dignity, I believe they will refer to this, as a case study of what not to do.

You see, Jenn pressed the attack.

For instance, she could have left it alone, after I said, "You know

the weather forecasters do not get it right 100 per cent of the time..."

Instead, she insisted that they, in fact, do when it comes to predicting that precipitation will be outside. And then she laughed again.

This left me no choice than to salvage my dignity by making up stories about the hundreds rainstorms I have weathered inside of buildings due to leaky roofs, poorly installed skylights, or spit talkers.

"I will concede that can happen," she said.

I smiled. And then, though grievously wounded, I got up hoping to slowly slink off that hill.

But then she continued, "Though I am highly suspicious of the accompanying thunder and lightning you also mentioned. And I would also argue that it is not technically rain once inside, but rather a leak..."

"Are you saying that once rain passes through something, it is no longer rain?"

"No, I am saying that it does not rain inside," she said.

"More specifically, there is, and has never been, a single documented case of a rainstorm happening inside a building."

I then pointed to several incidents when they could not close Sky Dome roof in time.

And she then said, "Ah, but when the roof is open, the fans are technically outside, since they have a clear view to the sky."

I could not believe she was being so stubborn about her obviously correct position. So, I said the thing people say when they are losing a discussion.

"Hey, why don't we just agree to disagree," I said.

She then said, "No, I was wrong, and you are right. And that's why this winter, I'm going to shovel the living room after every storm."

Then she laughed some more.

Instead of fighting back, I chose to be the bigger person and not make a big deal of it. Though I did spend the rest of the morning looking up companies that specialize in installing retractable roofs.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo was taken at Skyline Park in Haliburton circa 1958. The town sure looks different than it did then, but some readers may be able to identify similarities to today. In the photo are Nancy Best, Diane Kellett and the third person's name isn't confirmed, but may be Eleanor. Submitted by Nancy Hunnel (Best). Do you have a pic of the past to share? Bring it to the *Echo* office or email it to vivian@haliburtonpress.com.

What's happening at Point in Time?

Reminder of our services and supports

We are continuing to offer mental health and counselling supports in person at our offices or the Youth Hub, virtually via zoom or by phone. Point in Time office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments are available as needed after hours as well. We offer Quick Access Clinics where individuals or families can be seen quickly by calling or texting 705-457-5345 to set up an appointment.

The Youth Wellness Hub is open to youth aged 12 to 25 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 8 p.m., and the second Saturday of every month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are open for crisis calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and work with another agency, 310-COPE, to provide after hours coverage. We work together to ensure around-the-clock crisis supports. For after hours crisis support, please call or text 310-COPE at 1-855-310-2673.

Youth Wellness Hub update

We now have tutoring and homework help available to students from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Thursday! Tutoring help will occur at the main Point in Time Office on 69 Eastern Ave. Please call the Youth Hub at 705-457-2727 for details.

Our hub drop-ins for youth aged 12 to 15 years old on Fridays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. are continuing through the school year. Rides are available- text or call 705-457-2727.

Check out our October calendar and keep track of all our drop-in activities and events by following us on instagram @halicountyouth-hub! Events this month include Halloween crafting, candle making, Walk for Wenjack, Three Sisters Soup with Ashley, and a pumpkin carving party. And if you're in town for Halloween, drop by our Haunted House!

Connections Committee event: From Intent to Action

Event #3 in the Coming Full Circle Community Education Series has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18th from 9:30 am. to 1:30 p.m.

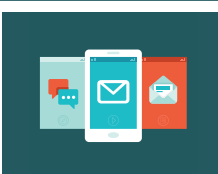
This in-person event at the Minden Community Centre is a free, practical, 'how to' designed for you by local service providers and people with lived experience of mental health challenges and substance use.

Register with Amanda Duncombe-Lee, Strategic Services Coordinator at Point in Time (amandadl@pointintime.ca) by Oct. 10 and include your email, phone number and occupation title.

Upcoming social media presentation - HHSS

A social media safety presentation coming to the high school in November - details will be announced soon. Please check our website www.pointintime.ca for details.

Submitted by Point in Time



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to
vivian@haliburtonpress.com

Connecting and understanding

OK, THIS might be too much information. Don't read on if you are looking for my usual uplifting stories. Well, this does become uplifting, but it is messy to start.

I have had a very rough week. My dad, John, who is 95, is in pretty good

health except for his legs which are weak, swollen, painful and full of fluids.

He can barely walk. We've had nurses coming in to care for him, but last

Monday he couldn't walk, and so we sent him into emerg where he stayed for four days.

The nurses and doctors do their best there, but it is crazy. I visited my dad three times a day, and I observed the staff working really hard to try and care for too many people.

I have no expertise in health care, but I could see that they are really struggling. They don't have the time to attend to a 95 year old guy who is OK, except for his legs.

My dad so desperately wanted to get home, and I want the best solution for

him, and it is so complicated.

It honestly breaks my heart to watch him struggle and at the same time neither of us wants to be a burden to the system.

All week I questioned the decision we made to have him come and live with us when there are so few supports. The wait list for long term care is long.

I don't want to be pushy when I can see the health care people are over-worked and at the same time I want to advocate for my dad. He's 95 and everyone deserves respect and dignity and care at that age.

To complicate matters, Jim and I are leaving in a couple of days for a trip to Portugal with our long time friends. We've had this planned for a year.

My sister is coming from Vancouver to stay with my parents, but it all seems so tenuous. I have been stressed all week to say the least. Trying to accept what is, advocate for what is needed and take care of my parents and my marriage and my friendships and myself.

I have waffled between going on the trip and not going. How can I leave my sister and my parents when my dad is now home, and even weaker than when he went into emerg? Thursday afternoon I got in my car and drove out to get my hair cut.

I cried the whole way there. I cried for everything. My dad. My parents. The state of our health care. The nurses and the doctors. For myself and my family.

I got to Suzanne McKechnie's for my hair cut. I pulled myself together, went in and sat down. And Suzanne quietly

began to ask about my life, and she listened.

I normally don't say a lot about all of it, but I told her. She listened to the good, the bad and the ugly. She asked good questions. She was present. All the while she cut my hair and made me look as good as I possibly can considering my tired and worn out feeling.

She helped me transform from the tired, stressed daughter to the adventurer that I am. I left with my holiday hair cut feeling heard and understood. Sometimes that is what we need, a friend who listens to connect and understand.

We all do this for each other all the time and it makes a difference in this crazy world of ours. We all have many challenges we are dealing with. I don't know what today will bring, but it is Thanksgiving weekend, and I am grateful for all of my connections who support me and our family.

And to the people who are making cutbacks to our health care system, I hope you can find it in you to connect and listen to people who are working in these crucial jobs.

When they get burnt out and leave, it is only going to get worse.

Green meadow

Tales from the great



lynda shadbolt

Dress Purple Day comes to the County

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign.

This year Dress Purple Day will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27.

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society is calling on our local communities to wear purple as we celebrate the community organizations that are part of the circle of care that supports the wellbeing of our children, youth, and families. By wearing purple, you are sharing the message that help is available and no one is alone.

"Dress Purple Day offers an opportunity to remind our local community that the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society works together with many other

social service providers to help vulnerable children, youth, and families facing challenges. We are wearing purple today to show children, youth and families that we care and are here to help."

Dress purple day brings awareness to the early help and supportive services available to families facing challenges and to the prevention and early intervention work Children's Aid Societies do to support families, connect them with local supports and keep children and youth at home.

Join us today and dress in purple to show families that help is available and no one is alone. Share your photos by tagging with #IDressPurpleBecause.

Learn more at oacas.org/DressPurpleDay.

Submitted



Home Game


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October 28
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Skating with the stars

Six Minden Skating Club skaters left Minden bright and early on Oct. 2 for a full day of on and off ice classes with world champion figure skater Elvis Stojko and professional figure skater Gladys Orozco in Oshawa. The students worked on jumps, spins, and field moves during the full day of training. They came home tired and excited to try out their new skills on home ice. Pictured from left are Paislee Cybulski, Kinsley Murdoch, Brianna Cartwright, Declan Brown, Elsie Murdoch, Elvis Stojko and Kathryn Murdoch. /Submitted by Jane Symons



In the back row, Brianna Cartwright, Gladys Orozco, Kinsley Murdoch, Elvis, Elsie Murdoch, and front row Kathryn Cartwright and Paislee Cybulski (missing Declan Brown) stop for a photo during the seminar.



Elvis gives Paislee the "high five".

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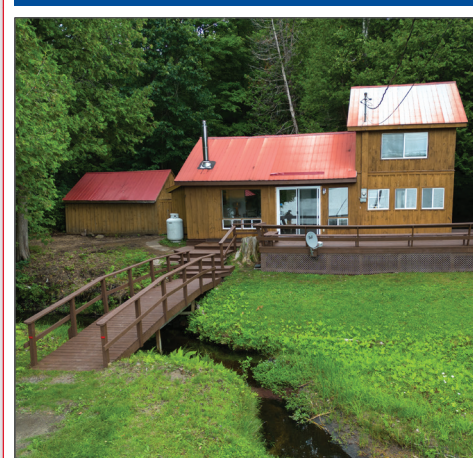
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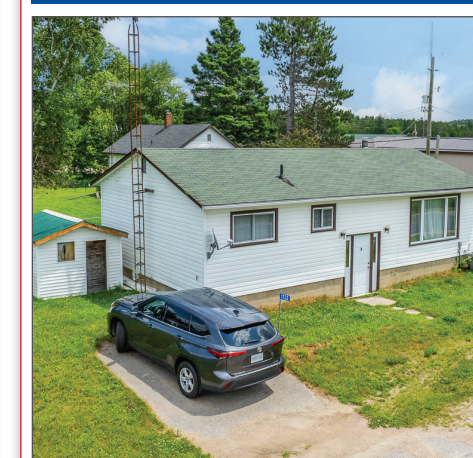
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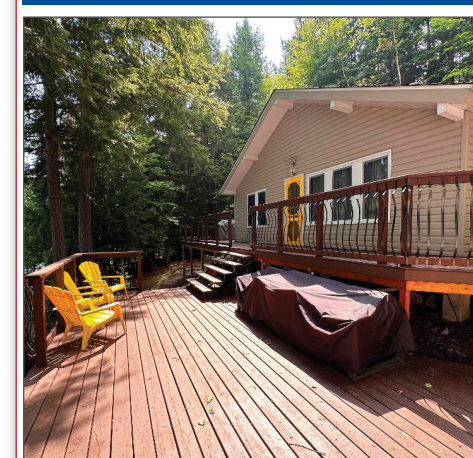
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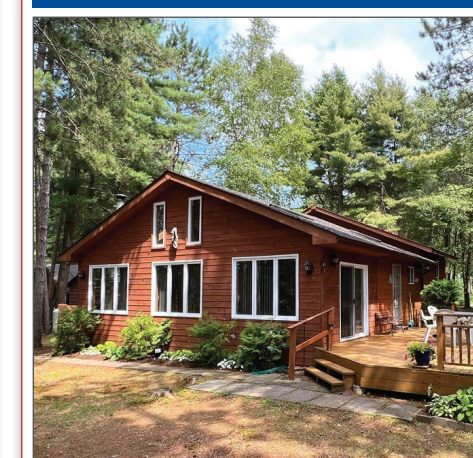
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Beats per minute

4. Hindu deity

10. Polynesian garland of flowers

11. Not chained to

12. Metric ton

14. Tall, rounded vase

15. Musical composition

16. St. Francis of __

18. Discover the location of

22. Compact group of mountains

23. Mend

24. Not current

26. Atomic #64

27. Young hawk

28. Or __

30. Pouches

31. Southern Thailand isthmus

34. Mends with yarn

36. Downwinds

37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole

39. Italian archaeological site

40. Cold appetizer

41. Yes

42. Peninsula

48. Of that

50. A way to divide

51. Relating to the physical senses

52. One who makes money

53. __ Spumante (Italian wine)

54. Inconvenience (abbr.)

55. South Dakota

56. Snow sport

58. The products of human creativity

59. Change mind

60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

1. Similar to the colour of a clear unclouded sky

2. Former name of Iran

3. Made smaller

4. Type of meter

5. Revolt

6. Killed with rocks

7. Gregory __, US dancer

8. Nullifies

9. Home to the Flyers

12. Female parent

13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor

17. Outsourcing (abbr.)

19. Regal

20. Line

21. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"

25. Clearing up

29. No seats available

31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub

32. Groove in organ or tissue

33. Not of this world

35. Cooking device

38. Forget

41. Operational flight

43. Actress Danes

44. Poke holes in

45. A way to discolor

46. Shouts of welcome or farewell

47. Pharrell's group

49. Red fluorescent dye

56. Jr.'s dad

57. Electronics firm

Answers on page 14

Playing for kicks

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment went head to head with JD Hodgson Elementary School students for a soccer game on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the school. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Bringing home the win

The HHSS girls field hockey team pose for a photo after their win against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Oct. 5 in Haliburton. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



HHSS team members celebrate after their win.



An HHSS player gets ready to take a shot on net.



Best foot forward

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys soccer team poses for a group photo after their game against Port Hope Secondary School on Thursday, Oct. 5. The team put up a good fight but lost 5-1. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Share The Warmth will help keep you warm this winter

As the leaves start to fall and the temperatures drop, the cold weather is not a welcome feeling for many in Haliburton County who struggle with not having adequate winter clothing.

If you are in need of items to help get you through the coldest months of the year, then mark your calendars for the eighth annual Share The Warmth giveaway day, happening on Oct. 28 in Haliburton and Minden.

Share The Warmth is an initiative from SIRCH Community Services that aims to help keep everyone warm by providing free winter gear for adults and children.

Throughout the month of October, donations of winter gear are accepted including coats, jackets, boots, hats, mitts, scarves and more.

All donated items will be given away for free on Oct. 28 in Haliburton and Minden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The giveaways will be happening at the SIRCH Bistro, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton and St. Paul's Anglican Church at 19 Invergordon Ave. in Minden.

There will also be a giveaway happening on Nov. 4th in Bancroft from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Thrift Warehouse, located at 141 Hastings Street North, next to the McDonalds.

Share The Warmth was originally started by Tammy Warburton, who came up with the idea during her maternity leave in 2014.

"I just kind of put it together in my spare bedroom," she said. "I had a pile of boots, socks, coats, even warm sweaters."

She ended up giving away nearly 100 items that year, between Haliburton and Minden. She still remembers how grateful the recipients were.

"It was wonderful watching some of the people come in," she said. "It was actually a snowstorm that day and there was a couple of people who came in and they didn't have anything. So when they left they looked so happy."

The following year (2015), Warburton was working for SIRCH Community Services and the organization approached her about partnering with her on the initiative. She was grateful for the help and this partnership lasted for the next few years. Eventually it grew so much that it became one of SIRCH's annual events.

"They [SIRCH] offered to take it over

and I was so glad for that and so happy to see it carry on," she said. "SIRCH has done an amazing job with it and I am so proud that they were the organization to take it over. It was a need and SIRCH is wonderful at finding the needs."

Warburton still helps out as a volunteer every year and is thrilled to see so much generosity in Haliburton County.

Since taking it over, SIRCH has given away thousands of winter items in Haliburton County and Bancroft.

For more information about Share The Warmth or SIRCH Community services, email info@sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742.

Submitted by
SIRCH Community Services



Cheers to 40 years

The Devry Smith Frank/Bishop and Rogers Open House took place on Wednesday, September 20th at Bonnie View Inn in celebration of the union of the two law firms. Bishop and Rogers has been serving the Haliburton community's legal needs for over 40 years, and the entire Devry Smith Frank LLP team is very grateful and honoured Bishop and Rogers is passing on the torch! It was an amazing turn out with lots of local business owners, municipality staff, bank managers and staff, real estate agents, brokerage owners and longtime Bishop & Rogers clients in attendance – it was a real community gathering. /Photos submitted



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Rogers invites you, by 5pm November 10, 2023, to provide by phone, mail, or email your comments, and/or request to be informed of the Township's position on the proposed antenna system.


Rogers will respond to all reasonable and relevant concerns, and the Township will be taking into account comments from the public and Rogers' response to each when providing its position to the proponent and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.


Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is responsible for the approval of this antenna system and requires that we review this proposal with the local municipality. After reviewing this proposal, the Township of Dysart et al will provide its position to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and to Rogers.

Contact information:

Proposed Wireless Communications
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Lender found for county's hospital plans

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A funding source has been found to initially pay for the county's \$3.5-million share of the proposed hospital projects.

Hugh Nichol of the Acting Health Services Board announced at Wednesday night's meeting that he has found a source for what amounts to being a "mortgage" for the county's contribution.

This lending body — he wouldn't say whether it was a person or institution, just that there were ties to the financial market — could provide the mortgage at "a very, very competitive rate."

The rate would be lower than the long-term federal bond rate, or less than 8% fixed for 20 years. There's also an initial two-year open window in which the board could pay down as much as the capital as possible. That means that if a subsequent fundraising campaign was to raise a lot of money in the first two years, there would be no penalty for exceeding the proposed payments.

Nichol likes this arrangement for several reasons:

- the interest rate is lower than what county council could get if it borrowed the money
- by starting construction immediately and raising the money afterwards, it counters local cynicism about the projects ever getting off the ground
- short-term fundraising could help pay down as much of the mortgage as possible during the first two years and long-term fundraising will cover the costs of subsequent mortgage payments

"Things are definitely in motion," he told fellow board members. "I think it's a positive. Anybody I've talked to has said when construction is underway, there will be a lot of interest starting to take hold."

"This is the best and first good news we've had," says Joyce Gostock.

However, there are conditions

set by the lender, Nichol says, and the main one is that the board must be incorporated within 90 days of signing a letter of intent. The lender does not want to deal with a board that isn't incorporated and the letter must be signed by December 31. "There is a time limit."

The board has already started the process of becoming incorporated. Board member David Coulson and his committee have come up with a draft set of by-laws and policies. In early October, he and Foster Loucks, the board's executive director, met at the offices of Borden Elliot, "a large law firm with specific expertise in the hospital sector," Loucks reported. Lawyer Anne Corbett is reviewing the documents and has been asked to assist the board in preparing the Letter of Patent. Loucks has also obtained a copy of the Ontario Hospital Association prototype by-laws on disc and they can be adapted to suit local needs.

At Wednesday's meeting, board member Doug Campbell cautioned that the board has to work out how much money will be available for operating funds before there can be a commitment to Nichol's capital funding plan.



A LOFTY PROJECT: In celebration of the 50th anniversary of World War II, the Haliburton Legion is having the CF-100 plane overlooking Head Lake restored. Here, Andy Hillo Jr. cleans the aluminum before adding a coat of primer. Story on page 17

Low ticket sales cancel Bush conference

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Insufficient ticket sales forced organizers to cancel at the last minute a high-profile business conference that would have brought former U.S. president George Bush to Haliburton's PineStone Resort.

StoneQuest Management announced it would have to call off the conference due to a "lack of delegate participation" early Friday morning, the day before it was scheduled to begin.

"Obviously it's disappointing, but it's another business week,"

said Anne Larcade, one of StoneQuest's principals and PineStone's director of operations.

Larcade declined to give any further information regarding the conference's cancellation, other than to say there were "a lot of positive things that came out of (planning) it too for the PineStone."

"Obviously it's been a hectic week and I really don't have any further comment at this time," she said Sunday.

Billed as "the business conference of the year," the weekend-long event was to feature former

president Bush as its keynote speaker during a Saturday night dinner.

Participants were also to be given the chance to speak with the former president during a question-and-answer period.

The line-up of speakers also included a list of experts in various fields, including author and economist Nuala Beck, Brascan chairman Senator Trevor Eyton, futurist and author Frank Feather, Microsoft Canada general manager Frank M. Clegg and former Interpol president Norman Inkster.

Organizers conducted a mass

marketing blitz to sell the conference, advertising it in such publications as *The Toronto Star*, *The Financial Post* and *The Echo*.


As late as last Tuesday StoneQuest was trying to fill available spaces through newspaper ads.

The company was asking \$2,200 per delegate to attend the full conference. A one-day package including Saturday's events was priced at \$1,050, while a seat at Saturday's dinner with former president Bush was priced at \$495.


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